## BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT NASHVILLE April 24, 2000

IN RE: Application of Nashville Gas Company, a Division of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., for Adjustment of Its Rates and Charges

## **DOCKET NO. 99-00994**

## PETITION TO INTERVENE OF ASSOCIATED VALLEY INDUSTRIES GROUP

The Associated Valley Industries group ("AVI"), a coalition of industrial users of natural gas, petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("T.R.A.") to intervene, as a matter of right, in the above-captioned proceeding. AVI includes a number of customers of Nashville Gas Company. AVI's interest may be determined by the outcome of this proceeding which involves gas rated to be charged to customers of Nashville Gas. Granting this petition will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of these proceedings. AVI therefore asks that the petition be granted and that AVI be granted such relief as the Authority finds appropriate.

Respectfully submitted

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